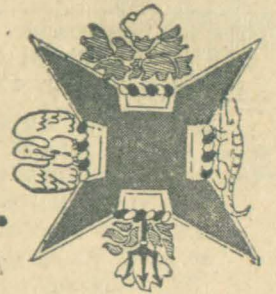




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DIXIE BEGINS LAST WEEK AT BLANDING

Dixie Boxers Open Scramble For Honors

The first round of the elimination contests for the boxing championships of the Dixie Division were fought Wednesday night in the 167th Infantry arena, when the regimental champions vie for division honors.

Captain Ben Hudson, 31st Division recreation officer, explained that the ladder system would be employed for future fights after a champion has been named in each class Wednesday. A new entrant must defeat the fourth, third and second ranking fighter in any one class before he will be entitled to a championship match.

An anticipated highlight of the elimination will be the coming match between Pvt. Verbon Stevens, 167th Infantry bantam champion and Pvt. Joe Castellanos, 106th Engineers, if Stevens succeeds in defeating Pvt. Douglas, 124th Infantry fighter. Stevens has an enviable civilian record and Castellanos established himself as a top-flight fighter Wednesday night.

Another fighter popular with the spectators is Pvt. Guy Jordan, welterweight from 167th Infantry Service Company. Jordan's previous fights show he carries a powerful punch in either hand.

Pvt. Joe Castellanos won two fights in less than a minute of fighting Wednesday. He won by default from Pvt. Guerdie, 106th Medical regiment and then knocked out Pvt. Thoroit, 156th Infantry in the first round.

The best matched fight of the evening was between Pvt. C. Carmea, 156th Infantry, and Pvt. Kyser, Special Troops, lightweights. The two fought to a draw for three rounds with Carmea winning a decision after a fourth round.

In the welterweight class Pvt. Guy Jordan defeated Pvt. Steve Capps, 117th Field Artillery, knocking him out in the second round.

Pvt. W. Bernard, 156th Infantry was awarded a decision over Pvt. Pat McClain, 106th Quartermaster after a three round fight.

Sgt. George Shepherd, 155th Infantry, advanced another round when he won by default from Pvt. McClain.

Corp. J. W. McGhee, 155th lightweight won by default from Sgt. R. E. Goff, 106th M.

Corp. Bill Ashley, 167th middleweight champion was awarded a decision over Pvt. Ed Nail, 117th Field Artillery. In the other middleweight fight, Corp. Edgar Johnson, 155th Infantry won by default from Corp. N. T. Smith, 106th Quartermaster.

In the light heavyweight class Sgt. G. I. Gore, 155th Infantry, advanced into the second round when Pvt. Pete Smith, 106th QM, defaulted.

The second rounds of the elimination were fought Friday night but the results were unknown when the Dixie went to press.

Winners and runner-ups in each class will be given gold and silver medals respectively. The champion will also receive a robe, boxing trunks, shoes and other prizes.

Following the finals next Wednesday night additional fights will be scheduled at intervals when a new challenger wishes to compete for the championship.

Many Pretty Visitors Greet 167th Companies

A bevy of pulchritude swept down upon the Gadsden Companies of the 167th Infantry Wednesday when Misses Doris Matrin, Jeannette Burkes and Iva Moseley and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cox all of Gadsden, Alabama visited the regimental area. The visitors spent several hours with members of the Company F, Service Company, Band and Regimental Headquarters returning to Jacksonville Beach late in the afternoon.

Johnny Comes Marching Home



Swinging down the highway toward their home areas, the foot troops of the Dixie Division polish off the final mile of one hundred and twenty miles of hotfoot. During that march they participated in two days of maneuvers and had a three day Fourth of July Holiday. Almost every man of the division came in under his own power July 12 when over ten thousand men ended their most strenuous ordeal to date. The spirit and conditioning of the foot sloggers was such that Lt. Col. T. B. Birdsong, acting commander of the 61st Brigade, remarked as they passed: "Those boys are tough—they're ready for anything."

Louisiana Ready For War Games Soon To Begin

Editors note: Private Gene Thatcher, on leave and working on maneuver stories sent the following item to the Dixie.

(Special to the Dixie)
New Orleans, La.—Louisiana is ready to receive the 300,000 soldiers who are going to participate in the annual war games in August and September.

Especially is New Orleans seething with activity. Just the other day, advance contingents of 1000 bakers arrived here to make their headquarters in Jackson barracks. This bakery, which the war department says is the "world's largest", will supply 225,000 pounds of bread daily to the soldiers of the Second and Third armies during the maneuvers. The bakers will be here three months, and all bread for the use of both armies will be baked here and loaded onto trucks to be carried to the scene of

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Correct Addresses Must Be Given

Soldiers are urged by the Postal Service to give the following information to correspondents of their address during maneuvers: 1. Grade of soldier. 2. First name, middle name, and last name. 3. Battery and regiment or similar unit numbers. 4. Army post office numbers (if known). 5. State. 6. Ragley, La. United States postoffice and Thus a properly addressed letter would read: Pvt. John Doe, Battery E, 117th F. A., 31st Division, Ragley, La.

UNTOLD INCIDENTS OF OCALA TRIP RECOUNTED BY DIXIE SOLDIER

By Pfc. W. C. Goff

(Ed. Note. Pvt. Goff is mechanical superintendent of the Dixie. In this capacity he has opportunity to do a lot of freelance observing. Usually he keeps it to himself but this week insisted that he be heard.)

On the Ocala march my post was just outside the gate where I could watch the troops march out. I also was stationed along the roadside, directly on the line of march. Some of the things I saw I don't believe have been reported and I think you might be interested in them. Most of the participants are to me nameless but maybe that doesn't matter. At any rate here is what I saw:

A soldier carrying a small dog.

The dog was probably the most completely exhausted creature I observed and when I saw him, the most appreciative. Every now and then he would try to reach up and lick the face of his owner.

One very short infantryman carrying the rifle of his buddy—a six-footer. I don't know what kind of arrangements they had here, but it must have been all right; both seemed content. Especially the tall one.

And along the same line I met many officers carrying the pack and rifles of enlisted men. Here again the arrangement seemed satisfactory. The officers didn't want to lose any men and that extra lift was just what the men needed—and appreciated.

One sergeant who didn't know whether he was pleased or disappointed. He had offered to buy drinks for the entire company if no one fell out. The day passed and the company roster was intact. So the drinks were on him.

Many artillery officers marching with the infantrymen. And this "in addition to regular duties." Stride for stride they matched them. One officer I recognized was Colonel Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th Field Artillery. He did his hiking Friday.

When the soldiers came into bivouac areas each night, the artillerymen and medics were awaiting, cheering. I imagine this had the same effect on the tired soldiers as a final quarter cheer from hometown rooters has on a football team. It helped a lot.

I talked to a civilian, W. C. Davis, whose house was on the road followed by the marchers. Mr. Davis served in both the Spanish American and World Wars. He commented on the orderly manner in which the men marched. He said that he watched them go through Orange Springs and he and the town's citizens were pleased—and a little surprised—with the conduct of the soldiers.

This I didn't see or overhear, but I understand it was the observation of Lt. Col. T. B. Birdsong, commander of the 155th Infantry and during the march acting commander of the 61st Brigade. He said that the most gripping he witnessed was when the column had to slow down at control points. "Let's go!" the soldiers would shout.

Finally, the stunt pulled by the 167th Infantrymen. Officers and men insisted on shaving before making the entry into camp.

143 Candidates Meet Corps Board For Final Check

One hundred and forty three applicants for the Infantry and Artillery officer-candidates schools appeared before a final Fourth Corps Area board Monday and Tuesday. Infantrymen approved will report to Fort Benning, August 9 while the artillery school candidates will go to Fort Sill, Oklahoma August 19. The men ordered before the board, composed of Lt. Col. Lonnie Otis Field, 35th F. A.; Captain Arthur B. Scott, 103rd Inf. and Captain Isaac D. Spivak, MC, Station Hospital, were chosen from more than one thousand applicants.

The quota of men to attend the school from the 31st is yet unannounced.

The 167th Infantry with 27 candidates had the largest number of representatives with the 116th Field Artillery being second with 25. The remaining men were distributed as follows: Special Troops, 31st Div., 5; 155th Infantry 11; 124th Infantry, 14; 156th Infantry, 8; 114th Field Artillery 21; 117th Field Artillery 21; Station Complement, 4; 61st Infantry Brigade, 1; 179th Field Artillery, 1; 35th Field Artillery, 2; 43rd Division, 3.

There was a wild dash to purchase current magazines Monday night by the candidates whose names appeared on the Tuesday list upon receipt of information that the board was asking questions on present happenings in the news. Such names as Malta, Martinique, Trinidad, Wavell, De Gaulle, Weygand, Petain, Knox, Stimson and other names and places recently mentioned in news dispatches were heard coming from preparatory quiz sections held all over the division.

All Units Ready For Moving Day

Dates, Route Of March, Arrival, Announced For 800-Mile Rail And Truck Convoy To Louisiana Maneuvers

Soldiers—all is in readiness! The Dixie Division is ready to take off! The movement to the Louisiana maneuver area in which the 31st participates as part of the IV Army Corps of the Third Army has already started and will be in full swing by July 26. Major General John C. Persons, commanding general, had his transportation section arrange the itinerary so that as many as possible of the Alabama and Mississippi troops would travel by motor convoy, giving friends and relatives of the troops an opportunity to see them at the bivouac cities.

Effort Is Made To Provide Time For Seeing La.

"Although the trip to Louisiana is primarily for maneuvering, every effort will be made to give the men free time and an opportunity to enjoy the many attractions Louisiana will have to offer," Colonel O. W. McNeese, Dixie Division public relations officer, said in an interview this week. "And Louisiana," continued the Colonel, "is priming itself for the much awaited visit of the many soldiers who will bring millions of dollars to their section."

Colonel McNeese urges personnel to dispel the thoughts that Louisiana is entirely a barren country with either no rain and all dust, or with too much rain and quantities of mud. Widely circulated gossip paints the area as nothing but one of these two things.

From those who know the area around which this Division will be encamped, this sector of Louisiana is described as high terrain whose timber has been cut over and is now developed into pleasant country. There are innumerable springs of cool refreshing water, many of which can be dammed and swimming pools made, a practice which will be allowed, according to Division headquarters. There are no lakes as here in Florida, but several small rivers flow through the area and are ideal for swimming.

Mosquitoes are scarce because of the high rolling country and nights are always cool, which is refreshing after the hot summer days. Roads are good, and the weather is sometimes a little unpredictable.

Many colorful points of interest are located near the area, among which is Natchitoches, an Indian village which was the jumping-off place for Mexicans to cross the Red River to their own country during the Mexican war. The area is less than 100 miles from Texas and less than 200 miles from New Orleans, one of the most colorful cities in our country. Alexandria is the nearest city, being 50 miles from the plans call for the expenditure of 50 days in the vicinity and men of the Division can make plans to visit many of these places on weekends and special leaves.

RED BUG BANISHER

If you would be without Red Bugs during Louisiana maneuvers, here is a suggestion: Get a small amount of powdered sulphur (about a nickel's worth), put it in a small sack—tobacco sack would do—and before going into woods powder shoes, leggings and pants leg. This done regularly will keep the critters in their own homes. Louisianians swear by it.

The majority of the Division's soldiers will leave by motor convoy in six echelons, and some few thousand will travel by train in nine serials. The advance party of the 106th Engineers, less Co. F, left early Tuesday morning, and the latter company leaves Monday. Next Thursday a detachment from Headquarters and headquarters company of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment will start the long trek by motor, and Saturday the main body begins to move out.

The 31st, with an approximate strength of 20,000 men, is part of the IV Army Corps movement, involving close to 54,000 officers and soldiers. In the group, in addition to the 31st Division, are the 43rd (Grapeleaf) Division, composed of men from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine; the 4th Division from Fort Benning, Georgia; and Corps troops from Jacksonville; Fort Oglethorpe and Fort McPherson, Georgia. Only the 74th Field Artillery Brigade, plus a provisional guard company, will be left in Camp.

Lt. Col. George W. McCrory, the Division's G-4, Transportation and Supply Officer, has outlined complete plans for the exodus, with the aid of his three assistants: Major Mark W. Lance, Division Motor Transportation Officer; Major Frank Barchard, assistant; and Captain W. D. Smith, Jr., Division Transportation Officer.

The train elements will comprise mainly the 124th Infantry and the main body of the 156th Infantry. The trains will leave the Camp railhead with 31st troops in nine serials. They will pull out at 5:00 a. m., when there is one serial scheduled to depart; at 3 and 5:00 a. m., when there are two serials; and at 1, 3 and 5:00 a. m., when three are scheduled. The running time for the trip is 36 hours. Mess kitchens will be set up in the baggage cars.

Of prime importance to the men is the fact that the Finance Department is making arrangements (Continued on page three)

Dixie Yearbook Previewed By Q. M.

The 106th Quartermaster Regiment was treated to a "sneak preview" of its new annual this week. The attractive 160 page volume will be shared by the 106th Medical regiment, each regiment having 60 pages devoted to it, the remaining 40 pages containing material which is Divisional in scope. Publishers promise the book for delivery before the movement to Louisiana, will cost \$3.75 each.

Soldier Of Five Months Now Rates Staff Sgt.

M. F. Adams of Service Company, 155th Infantry Regiment has made one of the quickest ratings in the Dixie Division. Five months ago Adams left Jackson, Miss., to join the army. In the short time he has been in the service he has won promotion from buck private to staff sergeant in charge of morning reports.

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DON'T FORGET GOMEZ

Don't sell Tommy Gomez short. The battling kid from the 116th Field Artillery lost his first fight in a long time when Buddy Scott brought one from the floor Monday night, but that loss was predicted in advance. Pete Leto, canny trainer for the boxer from Tampa, Fla., knew that Tommy wasn't ready for such fast competition.

But every eyewitness told the same tale; that Gomez was winning until that sudden disastrous flurry of fists. Tommy had received much publicity, had been touted as practically invincible and was getting too much buildup, therefore the crash of his downfall was much greater than that of an ordinary fighter.

Every boxer has to lose one now and then. Tommy learned things about the need for conditioning during those seconds when he was unable to handle the man he faced.

When the day comes that he faces the champion, if he gets that far, that loss to Scott will be one of the major lessons of his career. He still has the punch, the youth and the courage. He still is the same top notch fighter with one more fight under his belt. Gomez is still one of the standout prospects, and the army's best bet, for taking the long sought heavyweight title from Joe Louis. As Leto said before the fight: "Tommy needs to lose this one, he can't learn by winning."

FORGET ANYTHING?

Borrowing an idea from hotels, "The Dixie" wishes to remind all members of the personnel that they are headed into two months of field work. Make a careful check to see that you have attended to all affairs, and to ascertain whether or not you have left anything undone. No cars will be permitted on the trip, and personal belongings will have to be cut to the minimum.

THEATRE MEMO

The following is a list of feature attractions showing at the 31st Division Theatre during the coming week. Two performances are available each evening at 6:30 and 8:30. Matinees are shown on Saturday and Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Saturday, July 18—"Three Men From Texas," featuring William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy; "A Shot In The Dark," featuring William Lundignon and Nan Wynn. Sunday & Monday, July 20 - 21—"Nice Girl," featuring Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone and Robert Benchley. Also "Fishing Made Easy," Terrytoon; and Paramount News.

Tuesday, July 22—"Road Show," featuring Adolph Menjou, Carole Landis and Charles Butterworth. Also, "More About Nostradamus," MGM Miniature, & Pathe News. Wed. & Thursday, July 23 - 24—"Road To Zanzibar," featuring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Also "Wacky Wildlife," Merrie Melody and Paramount News. Friday, July 25—"Texas Rangers Ride Again," featuring Ellen Drew and John Howard. Also "Crazy House," Lantz Color Cartoon; Louis and Baer Fight; "Listen to Larry," Larry Clinton & Orchestra.

Saturday, July 26—Double Feature—"The Big Boss," featuring Otto Kruger and John Littel; "Ride, Kelly, Ride," featuring Eugene Pallette and Rita Quigley.

Tax On Cussing In 155th Infantry

From now on, officers of the 155th Infantry are going to think twice before the yell that pack a "damn" pack. Reason is that it costs them a nickel an utterance. Lt. Col. T. B. Birdsong, commanding officer of the regiment, made the decree. The money is to be paid to Chaplain Joseph A. Keiper. The Colonel hopes the men will follow the example.

Life isn't all a bed of roses but why gripe about it? Send the Dixie home and give your folks a rest from some of those fears you've let them in for by writing back only the darker side of camp life. Put your copy in the mails as soon as you've finished reading it.

Send the Dixie home and save yourself the trouble of writing long letters. The Dixie can tell your folks more of camp life than you can in many pages.

Shoe Didn't Fit So Makes Foot Fit Shoe

It is a relatively simple task for the average soldier to get the proper size shoe. This is not true in the case of Pvt. E. W. Thornton, F Company, 155th Infantry, who wears size 11AA brogan. This width was not available in the Quartermaster Corps, so Thornton went barefooted several months to make his feet wider.

A climax to the shoe problem was reached last week when officers noted that Thornton was trudging on the last few miles from Ocala maneuvers barefooted. When he explained that regular standard size army shoes hurt his feet, the quartermaster wrote out a special requisition for the odd size shoes. When the foot wear arrives Thornton will be faced with the task of breaking in three pairs.

Sgt. Retires After 15 Years

After 15 years of active duty with the National Guard, the regular Army and various other military units, including flood relief duty in 1927, 1st Sgt. Guy E. Bennett, of Company "D," 106th Medical Regiment this past week concluded his military career when his current enlistment ended.

Sgt. Bennett was a member of the old 116th Hospital Company at New Orleans and was later transferred to the ambulance company on its formation. His excellence as a soldier and his complete knowledge of transportation soon won him military honors and in 1940, he was appointed first sergeant of Company "D," the ambulance company stationed in the Crescent City. He was among the older guard who helped in contributing untiringly in the present organization of the 106th Medical Regiment, under the leadership of the regiments present commander, Colonel A. Mogabgab, M. C.

Admired by his company as an unusual "top kick" who never lost his temper, and who always won his men by his simple, direct and understanding personality, he was presented with a farewell gift in the form of twenty dollars in cash, encased in a beautiful billfold.

On leaving camp, Sgt. Bennett joined his wife at Picayune, Mississippi for a brief stay there, later motoring to New Orleans, where the couple have their permanent residence.

Staff Sgt. Thos. J. Calamia, a recent bridegroom of Company "D," is acting as first sergeant, under command of Captain Clarence A. Bishop, M. C.

Miami Soldiers Miss Convoy Home

The personnel of Companies A and B, 124th Inf., were disappointed during the Fourth of July week-end when there was no convoy dispatched to their native city of Miami. They had heard much of the elaborate plans the home-town civilians had made to entertain them such as giving special rates for hotel rooms overlooking Miami Beach, rates that soldiers can afford. Some of the fellows are hopeful that they will be granted furloughs, however, before time to depart for Louisiana maneuvers.

Division Mileage

A last minute flash from the 106th Quartermaster regiment informs us that it takes 281 gallons of gasoline to transport the Dixie Division and its full equipment one mile.

Park Theatre

Sunday - Monday—"Drums Along the Mohawk," featuring Claudette Colbert.

Tuesday—"Go West," with the Marx Brothers.

Wednesday - Thursday—"Comrade X," starring Clark Gable - Hedy Lamar.

Friday—"The Man I Married," with Joan Bennett and Frances Lederer.

Saturday—Double Feature—"Suwanee River, with Don Ameche. "Heart of Arizona," with William Boyd.

Ritz Theatre

Sunday - Monday—"The Great Lie," with Bette Davis and George Brent.

Tuesday—Double Feature—"The People vs. Dr. Kildare" with Lew Ayres. "They Dare Not Love," with George Brent and Martha Scott.

Wednesday - Thursday—"Footsteps in the Dark," with Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall.

Friday—Double Feature—"Singapore Woman," With Brenda Marshall. "Her First Beau," with Jane Withers.

Saturday—Double Feature—"The Pinto Kid," starring Charles Starrett. "The Big Boss," with Otto Kruger.

VASTLY CHANGED CAMP WILL BE FOUND WHEN DIV. RETURNS

It will be a far different Camp Blanding that will be unfolded before the eyes of returning 31st Division soldiers after the Louisiana maneuvers. The office of the Quartermaster General has embarked on a beautification and construction program which will entail the expenditure of approximately two millions of dollars.

You may have noticed the oblongular frame building in the process of construction in the various regimental areas. In time, they will be revealed as chapels, seating 340 and equipped with electric organs. Also to be constructed in each regiment is a day room for officers, and in each company or battery area a similar recreation place for enlisted men. These rooms for the enlisted men, running 25' by 42', will provide adequate facilities for groups of men to congregate for recreation without leaving the company area.

The new building plan, which was started on July 8, is scheduled to terminate on October 8 or thereabouts. Other buildings to be constructed are ordnance repair shops and warehouses, light and heavy motor maintenance shops; and open and closed motor storage sheds, as well as additional motor parking areas in the gun and truck pools and in front of the administration buildings.

Kingsley Beach, as we know it, will also undergo a facelifting, for considerable landscaping will be done, and a new surfacing of clay and black muck combined will be laid, and seeded or sprigged grass will be grown. In addition, new sanitary facilities will be erected at the Beach front to include latrines and cold water showers for each regiment.

Of paramount interest to the men of the Division are the plans for the erection of gymnasium-field house, which will house all the big Divisional sports events, such as boxing meets and basketball games. This building will be on Road A, not far from the 114th Field Artillery bathing area.

The Constructing Quartermaster department plans also the improvement of the surface draining facilities at Camp, and ditching and culvert work is being done to provide for a "stabilization" of the area. Interior roads will be laid leading to the various regimental areas, giving free access to regimental latrines and other buildings.

All the work is being done by private contractors on a lump sum basis, and hundreds of men are working on extensive programs which, when completed, will make Camp Blanding the modern city, first construction of which was started in September of last year.

Timely Remark Saves The Day

To Master Sgt. Riley Howell, 167th Inf. Hq., goes the honor of beating the midnight witching hour by the narrowest margin Sunday. The sergeant with his companions came to a stop when flagged by the M. P.

"It's about twelve o'clock," the M. P. suggested reaching for passes. Sgt. Howell hastily extended his left arm displaying his watch.

"It's just one minute until," he said unconvincedly but hopefully. Everyone sighed relief as the inspector stepped back and waved the car through.

Visiting Nephew Walks 14 Miles

Many have been the tales of vacations that left the on-holiday one in worse shape than before. Well here's one we can vouch for.

Charles Riddell, 14-year old nephew of Major G. W. Smith, 155th Infantry, spending his vacation here, made a 14 mile hike Wednesday morning. He explained: "I just wanted to see if I could take it."

Men Still Forget Medicos Discover

When Co. D, 106th Medical Regiment, was given the detail of cleaning up the area along the shores of Lake Kerr in Ocala National Forest, they found that the soldier has lost none of the human ability to forget. Among their finds was a pair of field glasses, a barracks bag, a set of entrenching tools, a gas mask, machine gun tripod, raincoat, and two privates who had been overlooked by their outfit.

Dixie Unit Challenges Pacific Coast Soldiers

Upholding the honor of the 31st Division's 10,000 marching infantrymen, Pfc. William "Red" Turnley, of Co. A, 156th Inf., has challenged the California footsloggers who boast of marching 15 miles a day to a hiking contest. When he heard that the Californians were bragging of their "long" marches, Turnley, in the name of his company, immediately wrote a letter, daring them to meet the Louisiana boys in a foot duel, (At respective posts). Turnley believes that his outfit can make 150 miles in 6 days with a full pack and rifles.

Four Pounds Ice Issued Per Man

Ice is to be issued at the rate 4.125 pounds per man per day while the Division is on the move, according to Captain Julian F. Pfaff, Divisional Supply Officer from the 106th Quartermaster regiment. He also stated that sandwiches will be served at each noon time meal while the third mess will be heavier food, such as steaks, roast beef, frankfurters and kraut, etc.

Your folks will enjoy reading the Dixie and will laugh as you have at the antics of some of the boys in the Army. Put your copy in the mails as soon as you have finished with it.

Mosquitoes Capture Embarrassed Lieut.

Reddest face that shone in the moonlight Monday night when Red and Blue patrols were roaming about was that of Lt. Frederick V. Graham of Company K, 167th Inf. The lieutenant, a skilled scout, took cover in a thicket when an enemy patrol approached. The size and number of mosquitoes in the same thicket proved too much for him, however, and he was forced to abandon his concealment to make the gentlemanly remark upon being captured.

"I'm obviously embarrassed."

New Job Found For Chaplains

There have been stories of chaplains who marched with the troops, rode on motor reconnaissance patrols, wanted pistols issued to them, but the latest one tops them all. Chaplain Richard P. Walcott, 167th Inf., was ordered to serve as umpire on the field problem beginning Monday night. The chaplain spent all day Monday studying the umpire manual.

Pvt. Yet Unfamiliar With Filthy Lucre

Private Robert Starnes, Company H, 167th Inf., was counting his money after pay day when a sergeant asked:

"Whatta yuh doin Starnes?"

"I'm counting my John," Starnes replied without looking up.

"Why do you call it John," the sergeant inquired.

"I'm not familiar enough with it to call it Jack," the private explained.

Injured 114th Officer Recovering At Home

1st Lt. John D. Johnson, recreational and athletic director of the 114th Field Artillery Regiment, who was injured in an automobile accident in Selma, Alabama, some weeks ago, is now at his home in Columbus, Mississippi. Friends of Lieutenant Johnson desirous of communicating with him can reach him at Box 664, Columbus.

Palatka Is On Map!

The Dixie regrets the omission of the town of Palatka on a recent map published captioned "All Roads Lead To Roamin'." It was an oversight and we wish to state that Palatka has been exceedingly earnest in its effort to entertain the visiting soldier. So anxious are they to receive and care for men on holiday or week-end leave that their repatriation to the Dixie editors was quite natural.

We quote from a letter describing the reception of a recent convoy: "Patriotic citizens entertained this convoy with a parade, fish fry, ball game and a trip through the Azalea Gardens, besides street dance, and of course, it is only natural we want to be 'On the Map.'"

"Send us some more boys and we shall do our utmost to give them an informal bit of home hospitality."

Service Defense Center, Palatka, Fla.



There's something about a soldier—and I do mean a buck private—that seems to have a fatal fascination for the fair sex. At least General Persons finds that his men are a little too much competition.

While the infantry strolled along on their little walk from Ocala, their own Major General waited at a turn in the road to watch them as they passed. A group of young girls, and very attractive young misses they were, piled out of a car. A friend presented them to the General.

They immediately became engrossed in the shining stars and the brass, cooing delightedly over their new idol. Just then the first of the foot soldiers swung around the turn. The prettiest of the crowd took one look, started off a few steps and then turned to her friends. "Come on girls," she said, "here comes the soldiers and he's too old to be interested in us." They went dashing off to shout to the passing troops and even walk along a little way asking questions. Their decision about the boys in khaki was that they were just too cue—oot.

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In case anyone in the division is still worrying about those passes the MPs took up when men came in late on leave after the Ocala Fourth of July Holiday, the sufferer can cease to mop his brow through force of circumstances. It seems that an orderly mistook those wrinkled slips of paper for trash and burned the entire lot.

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And a story told by an eyewitness certainly bears out the fact that the American has a true sporting instinct: A certain MP accosted a young man in uniform the other night, brusquely informing him that an arrest was about to be made. The soldier was shocked, wanting an explanation. The MP clarified matters. "You're drunk," he said. And possibly he was right. The victim protested, swearing by several things that only an innocent bottle of beer stood between himself and a completely dry state. The MP insisted.

They sought a means of deciding the issue fairly, the soldier policeman not wanting to make a mistake. "Tell you what," he told his prisoner, "If you can outrun me, I'll let you go." They took a crouching position, the MP about ten yards ahead. Instead of waiting for the count, the policeman jumped the gun. At the end of about twenty yards, he felt a gentle tap on his shoulder—the soldier had caught up and was coasting along patting him on the back. The MP put on a burst of speed—in a couple of seconds the tapping again started.

Beginning to give out of breath, the MP drew up, panting to his opponent in the race: "Okay, you win." The recent prisoner continued down the road, never slowing his pace.

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A certain Private Hall of Co. G, 124th Infantry is reported by one of his messmates to have been extremely tired during the long hike to Ocala. One night the soldier flopped to the ground, lit a cigarette and drifted into a sound sleep. It was such a deep slumber that when he awoke next morning, a pile of ashes on his chin was the only reminder that he had failed to extinguish the tag.



These privates first class, Charlie Thornton and Excell Richardson, don't expect you to believe any fish stories. This display of piscatorial beauties was snagged, yes, in our own beautiful backyard, Kingsley. The privates, out of water, belong to the Service Company, 167th Infantry. They both take a very exciting part also in deep sea fishing. Thornton snagged a thirty pound Red Snapper recently while indulging in this fascinating sport. Pictures of this one, however, were not available.

Soldier Offers Services

The Army has a rule that every man makes up his own bed.

That might have explained why Sgt. Norman Luquette, clerk of Co. B, 156th Inf., urged three of the other company clerks of the regiment who were spending last weekend with him in a Miami hotel to make up their own beds.

But the Army doesn't have vacuum cleaners.

Therefore, when Sgt. Luquette offered his services to the chambermaid to run the vacuum cleaner, the other three had their explanation. Yes, she was pretty!

Studies Ant Antics For Military Tactics

Although Capt. John Jenkins, Medical Detachment, 167th Inf., is not a tactical officer he still is

a keen student of tactics. He spent several hours near his aid station Monday studying two opposing forces of ants and the military tactics employed by each force.

Calhoun-Swope

John S. Calhoun, Sergeant of the famous first platoon of Company G, took the big step, last Saturday night when he married Miss Alice Swope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swope of Jacksonville. This gives G Company the honor of having the largest family group in the division. Mrs. Calhoun is the sister of 1st Lieutenant F. A. Swope, and Sergeant C. L. Swope of Company G. After the ceremony, at the groom's home, a reception was tendered in the East room of the George Washington Hotel.

Louisiana Ready

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to meet the monthly payroll wherever the troops may be. Pay-day might come for some in a bivouac area and for others in transit if they are travelling by rail. To date, a definite pay day has not been set, and it is possible that the entire Division will be paid in the maneuver areas at Louisiana.

Arrangements have been made for the storing of clothes in the mess and recreation halls, mainly in foot lockers. A provisional guard company will be formed to protect the valuables and property left behind in Camp. Tents will be locked. No woolen clothing will be taken excepting two shirts, and there will be one barracks bag allotted every two men, although an extra empty one can be brought along. Every possible means will be utilized to see to it that each enlisted man receives his full quota of clothing and equipment from his supply sergeant.

Patriotic and civic organizations enroute are making arrangements to welcome the men at their respective cities, and it will be possible to buy supplies at the bivouac stops. The Post Exchange will not be in operation until the establishment of Camp at Louisiana and no canteen checks will be honored before then.

The movement to the Dry Prong sector will be completed by midnight, August 5. From August 11 to the 15th a command post exercise will take place, with the headquarters and headquarters companies of all units participating. On August 17 and continuing until August 28 the Corps will engage in maneuvers, involving all the troops in the area. Following these and during the entire month of September the IV Corps will function as a part of the Third Army, which by that time will have more than 300,000 troops in the maneuver area.

Below is a list of the movements scheduled by motor and by rail:

Engineer Bridge Party—Departs July 21. Co. F, 106th Engineers.

RHD. Supply Detachments—Departs July 24. Det. Hq. & Hq. Co. 106th QM Regiment.

Main Body
1st Echelon—Departs July 26. Hq. 31st Division (less detachments). Special Troops (less detachments Hq. Co. and less 31st MP Company). Detachments 106th Med. Regiment (Hq. & S. Co. & Co. H). Detachments 106th QM Regiment (Incl. Co. E).

2nd Echelon—Departs July 27. Hq. & Hq. Co. 61st Inf., Brigade. CT 155 (less Engrs). Detachments 106th QM Regiment. Detachments 31st Reconnaissance Troop.
3rd Echelon—Departs July 28. Hq. & Hq. Btry, 56th FA (less Engrs). CT 156 (less Engrs.). (less rail elements). 116th FA (less 1st Bn.). Detachments 106th QM Regiment. Dets 31st Reconnaissance Troop.

4th Echelon—Departs July 29. Hq. & Hq. Co. 62nd Inf., Brigade. 117th FA (less 1st Bn.). Detachments 106th QM Regiment. Detachments 31st MP Company.

5th Echelon—Departs July 30. CT 167 (less Engrs.). Dets. 124th Inf. Detachments 106th QM Regiment. Detachments 31st MP Company.

6th Echelon—Departs July 31. Hq. 31st Division (less Detachments). 114th FA. Detachments 31st MP Company.

Rail Elements

Train No. 2—Departs July 30. 1-2 Hq. 1st Bn., Cos. A, B, & C—156th Inf.

Train No. 3—Departs July 31. Hq. 2nd Bn., Cos. E, F, & G—156th Inf.

Train No. 4—Departs July 31. Hq. 3rd Bn., Cos. I, K, & L—156th Inf. AG Section—31st Division.

Train No. 5—Departs August 1. 1-2 Hq. & Hq. Co., Staff Section Service Co., Hq. & Hq. Det. 1st Bn., Cos. A, B, & C, 124th Inf.

Train No. 6—Departs August 1. Hq. & Hq. Det. 2nd Bn., Cos. D, E, & F—124th Inf.

Train No. 7—Departs August 1. 1-2 Hq. & Hq. Co. Cos. G, H, & I—124th Inf.

Train No. 8—Departs August 2. Hq. & Hq. Det. 3rd Bn., Cos. K, L, & M—124th Inf.

Train No. 9—Departs August 3. Hq. & Hq. 2nd Bn., Cos. D, E, & F. 106th Med Regt & Antitank Co.—124th Inf.

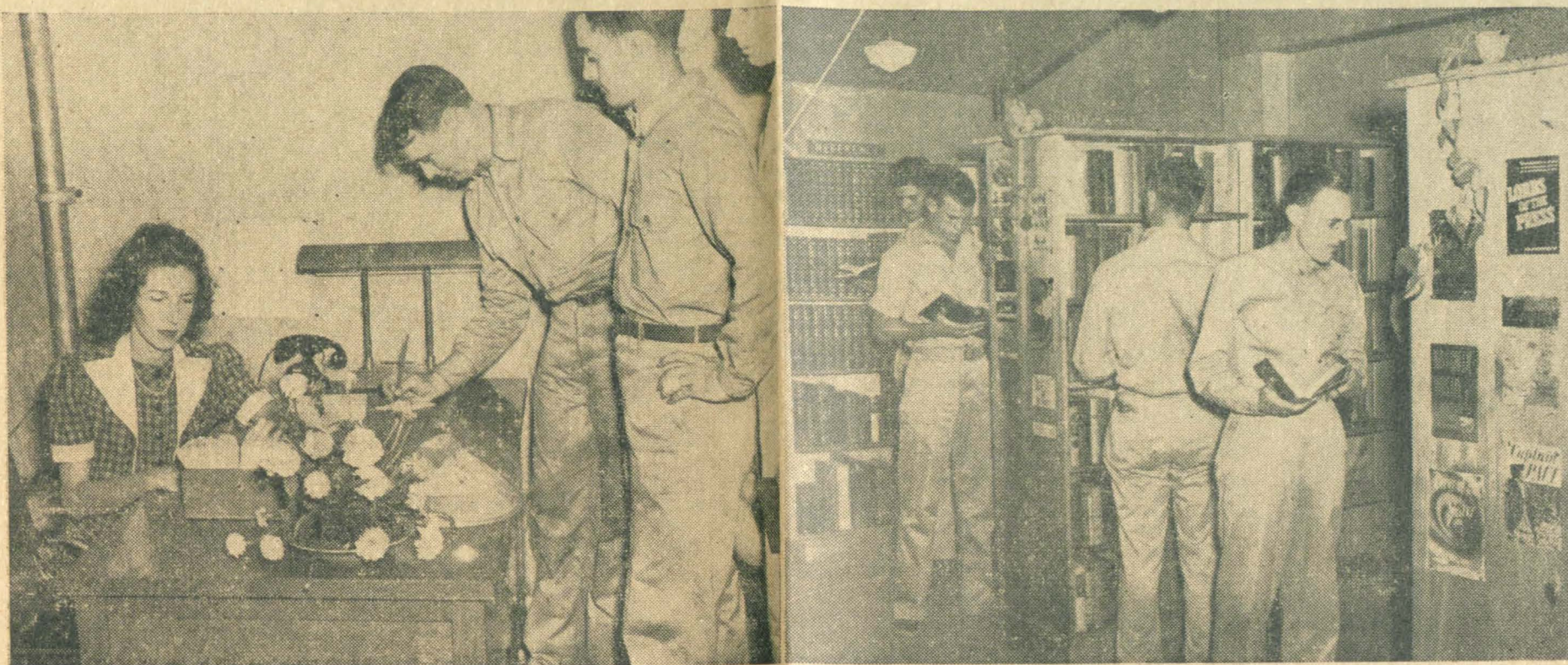
Train No. 10—Departs August 3. Hq. 1st Bn., Cos. A, & C, Hq. 3rd Bn., & Cos. G & I, 106th Med. Regiment.

Motor Schedule

Arrival at Nashville, Georgia
1st Echelon—July 28
2nd Echelon—July 27
3rd Echelon—July 28
4th Echelon—July 29
5th Echelon—July 30
6th Echelon—July 31

Arrival at Andalusia, Alabama
1st Echelon—July 27
2nd Echelon—July 28
3rd Echelon—July 29
4th Echelon—July 30
5th Echelon—July 31

From Fact To Fiction Free



The recently equipped library of the Dixie Division housed in the Service Club is filled with books and periodicals of all kinds to suit the reading tastes of any individual soldier. Shown above is the charming librarian, Mrs. Elinor Kendall Evans, Private First Class Paul B. Young, and Private Robert H. Pate (hands on hips). The other picture shows a section of the reference and biography departments of the library. The book lovers shown are (left to right): Private First Class "Creepy" Moss, Service Co., 156th Inf.; Young again of Station Complement; Private G. W. Cobb, Station Hospital, and Private First Class Chas. C. Lockett, 5th Signal Company.

GENERAL STAFF HAS 4 SECTIONS; THE "G'S" EXPLAINED IN DETAIL

Editor's note: This is another in the series of articles explaining the various functions and departments of the army. Next week the medical detachments and departments will be considered.

The general staff for divisions and larger units consists of a chief of staff, a personnel section (G-1), a military intelligence section (G-2) and operations and training section (G-3), and a supply section (G-4). In Brigades and lower units the functions of the G-1, 2, 3, 4, are designated S-1, 2, 3, and 4. This staff is provided to render professional aid and assistance to the commander, to act as his agents in harmonizing the plans, duties and operations of the various organizations, to prepare detailed instruction for the execution of plans of the commander and to supervise the execution of such instructions.

The Chief of staff (or executives in brigades and lower units) is the principal assistant and adviser of the commander. He transmits the will of the commander to those who execute it and is the principal co-ordinating agency which insures the efficient functioning of the staff and of all the troops. He directs and coordinates the work of the four sections of the general staff in all their relations with the special staff, with the troops and with each other.

The personnel section is charged with the general staff functions which relate to the personnel of the command as individuals.

The military intelligence section is charged with the collection of an evaluation of information concerning the enemy and the dissemination of the resulting military intelligence. Its primary function is to keep the commander and all others concerned informed regarding the enemy's situation. It maintains close liaison with the intelligence sections of higher, lower and adjacent units, with the air officer in arranging for aerial reconnaissance and with the engineer in arranging for suitable maps.

The operations and training section is charged in general with those functions of the staff which relate to organization, training and operations. From the nature of his duties, it must maintain the closest cooperation and collaboration with the other staff sections.

One of its most important duties is to arrange the details for coordination of effort and employment in combat of the combined

6th Echelon—August 1
Arrival at Waynesboro, Miss.
1st Echelon—July 28
2nd Echelon—July 29
3rd Echelon—July 30
4th Echelon—July 31
5th Echelon—August 1
6th Echelon—August 2

Arrival at Natchez, Miss.

1st Echelon—July 29
2nd Echelon—July 30
3rd Echelon—July 31
4th Echelon—August 1
5th Echelon—August 2
6th Echelon—August 3

Arrival at Andalusia, Ala.

1st Echelon—July 30
2nd Echelon—August 1
3rd Echelon—August 2
4th Echelon—August 3
5th Echelon—August 4
6th Echelon—August 5

arms. To this end, full use is made of the expert advice and assistance of the commanders of artillery, aviation and engineer troops and of the other special staff officers such as the signal or communications officer.

The supply section is charged in general with all supply arrangements. It keeps in constant touch with the operations and training section so as to keep informed of changes in the tactical or strategic situation, which will necessitate changes in the supply arrangements or the traffic circulation and control. It is responsible for the assurance of such supply arrangements as will accord the utmost freedom of action to the command.

It should be noted that the organization of the general staff with troops is based on functional classifications. Therefore, no section of the general staff controls the operation of an arm or service as such but as a section handles the matters that pertain to it regardless of the arm, service or agency in which the subject matter originated.

Pvt. Obeys Orders But Too Literally

Private Cecil Parker, Anti-Tank Co., is responsible for the prize story of the week in the 167th Infantry. Lt. Clifford Morrison of Company K was officer of the guard the other night and strolled down Anti-Tank Co. street as a matter of routine. Seeing several lights burning after taps he instructed:

"Put all of those lights out." The response was immediate because Private Parker was particular to carry out the order to the letter. He went to each tent and hung the light cord on the outside of the tent where the lights burned brightly.

Minimum Of Music In 114th This Week

You won't hear many sweet notes from the 114th Field Artillery Band this week. Warrant Officer Richard N. Whitfield, Jr., leader of the organization, and 20 of the bandmen are on furlough in their native state of Mississippi. This leaves eight musicians in Camp, and in groups of four the latter are enjoying three-day holidays this week.

Nevertheless, the swing band under Pfc. Carl M. Johnstone, Jr.'s leadership will be in action next Wednesday night when it plays for a dance to be given by the 57th Quartermaster Regiment of the Corps Troops at one of the service clubs.

Tragedy Averted

Private William F. Abrams of Company A, 167th Inf., received a brand new pair of civilian shoes in the mail this week. They were in answer to a recent telegram to his home which read: "No shoes, if refuse—no furlough to go."

1st Sgts. Lead During Problem

The troops of the 3rd Bn., 167th Inf., were led by the respective 1st sergeants of the battalion during the field problems Tuesday night and Wednesday. The non-commissioned officers were in charge of all troop movements and tactics except for three officers at the battalion command post Tuesday night.

1st Sgt. Alvin Hall, HQ Det., 3rd Bn., observed that the troops carried out the prescribed problem with marked efficiency and non-commissioned officers proved themselves very competent in handling their respective commands.

Military Science Films Shown 116th Soldiers

Many enlisted men and officers of the 116th Field Artillery enjoyed free movies presented in their recreation hall Tuesday and Thursday nights this week. The films concerned military science and were shown under the sponsorship of the War Department. Tuesday night the subjects pictorially discussed were: truck drawn units, air corps observation and field artillery missions, the 75 millimeter gun, and sex hygiene. Thursday night the subjects were: more about truck drawn units, road blocks, more about the 75 millimeter gun, parachute training in Germany, and personal hygiene.

Soldier's Life Saved By Miss. Patrolman

Pvt. Charles Estes, Medical Detachment, 156th Infantry Regiment will be ever grateful to an unidentified Mississippi Highway officer. Estes and several other Medics were on their way home for Fourth of July Holiday when they had an accident near Meridian, Miss. Estes was seriously injured. A blood transfusion was necessary to save his life.

Had not the right type blood been obtained Estes would have died. As luck would have it one of the troopers had the same type blood as the injured soldier. The transfusion was quickly made and today Estes is recovering in Camp Shelby Station Hospital.

Even Cat Is Trained In Company D, 167th

Lt. Wm. D. Roby has a well-trained cat in Company D, 167th Inf. So well trained is it that the cat mascot, "AWOL" is trained too. Each time "Col." Berry, the mess sergeant blows the chow whistle "AWOL" dashes madly to the back door of the mess hall and there waits patiently until he is fed. The men in the company can't tell how the mascot can distinguish between the mess signal and the reveille whistle, for at the latter blast he just sleeps on in the officer's mail box.

New Service Center

The Grand Master of Masons of Florida invite officers and enlisted men to their newly-opened Army-Navy Masonic Service Center, located on 20 West Duval Street, Jacksonville. The Center inaugurated this week, is open to all service men, whether Masons or not.

JOCKEY NOW DRIVES A TRUCK BUT ONCE RODE DERBY HORSE

The Army, it is said, usually places a man in a job for which his pre-service record fits him. The 31st Division, however, has no Cavalry unit, and so Private George R. Yeargin of the 124th Infantry's Company D, a former jockey and trainer, is driving a truck during his term of selective service and kicking not a bit.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., Private Yeargin comes from a family of horsemen and has been around horses and race tracks all his life. He was only 16 years of age when he had his first mount at Churchill Downs, Ky., and he continued as a jockey for six years, riding in a dozen states and in Canada and Mexico. George weighed in at only 75 pounds when he accepted his first mount, but now tips the beams at 152, eight of which have been added since joining the troops here.

Private Yeargin has enjoyed the thrill of riding a horse in the Kentucky Derby, having been on Calcutta in the 1923 banner event of the turf which was won by Zev, with Earle Sande up. His biggest purse was a \$20,000 affair at Tia Jauna which he won abroad a racer called Mulisber in 1922.

The infantryman hung up his boots and saddle in 1925 and until called into service from Miami had been acting as assistant trainer for his uncle, G. R. Allen. The Allen stable includes such thoroughbreds as Her Reigh, Roya Master, Count Natural, Rahanee, Old Colony and Moss Girl.

In his six years of active riding, Private Yeargin had but 15 accidents, and none of them were of a serious nature. He has had as many as 175 winning mounts in a single season, and he has known all the turf notables during the past twenty years. He expects to go right back to the racing circuits when Uncle Sam releases his hold on him, for there is no finer sound to Pvt. Yeargin than the thundering of horse's hoofs, and his truck driving job is a mere interlude.

Pvt. Yeargin is one of the "Lost Battalion" that group of men over 28, whose number came up too soon. In fact, he could be a charter member, for he is close to his 36th birthday. However, he learned to take it around the racing circuit, and he's ready to take it until demobilization day when he can return to his beloved horses once more.

Know Shorthand?

They tell a story in Company M, 167th Infantry how 1st Sgt. Earl King selected some KPs recently. At a company formation the sergeant asked:

"How many of you know anything about shorthand?" Company M being full of specially trained lads there were several hands raised.

"Okay," grinned the sergeant, report to the kitchen. We're short-handed on KPs.

Non-Coms Guard

Men of Co. I, 156th Inf., doing guard duty this weekend were treated to the sight of all their non-coms taking turns walking posts, including 1st Sgt. George Patin and all the truckdrivers of the company.

The heart-warming sight to the infantrymen was due to the fact that many men of the company were on leave.

Ropes Must Be Known Says Pvt. Who Tripped

A boxer should always know his ropes, thus says Private First Class Edward R. Migues of the Medical Detachment of the 114th Field Artillery Regiment. Eddie, who was great shakes as an amateur boxer in Mississippi, was sparring with a fellow soldier Sunday afternoon when he backed-pedaled to the ropes to get set for a surprise bounce-back attack on his opponent, private Peter Weinstein of the Service Battery, 1st Battalion.

Unfortunately for Migues, the ropes were slack and when he backed into them he somersaulted over them and did a flip-flop, landing in a row of wooden benches. His hip and back were injured more than slightly and Private Migues had to call on some of his Med. Det. mates for emergency repairs. He swears he will personally examine and tighten any ring ropes he wants to back into from now on.

Hard Luck Story

It's a pity the Army doesn't give a guy credit for trying. If it did, then Pfc. Emery Fruge, Co. I, 156th Inf., would probably be decorated. When the motorcycle he had just gotten out of the repair shop in Gainesville broke down many miles from Camp Blanding, Fruge did his best to make camp before Reveille.

He worked two hours trying to repair the machine. It wouldn't start.

He tried to hitch-hike back to camp. No cars would pick him up.

Finally, he gave up in disgust and pushed the heavy machine three miles to the nearest town.

But the Army doesn't give you credit for trying. When he got back on his company street, Fruge was informed that he had been AWOL for three hours.

To top it off, a finance collector was waiting for him to return the motorcycle.

8 Join Air Corps

When and if they are promoted, enlisted men of Co. I, 156th Inf., can thank the Army Air Corps. And the company hasn't been taken over by the flying service, either. The reason is that eight of the unit's non-commissioned officers have been granted transfers to the Eagle branch of Uncle Sam's Army.

The ones leaving the ground for the air are Sgts. Roy J. Gillen, R. W. Dunphy, Edwin Robinson, Richard Hoffpauir and Charles Dolron and Corps. Evitea Mattheieu, Murphy Simon and Reese Harrington.

Several privates of the company are getting in the flying service, too. They are Pfc. Felix Lenia, Wilson Spell and Willis Melancon and Privts. David Gustin, Albert Draper and Jake B. Duplechin.

Dixie Begins

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military operations. A total of 112 ovens will be put into use.

Two sheds each 260 feet in length are being constructed on the Jackson Barracks polo field to house bins, ovens and other equipment. The first contingent of 20 men came from Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Others will arrive later from Camp Blanding, Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Benning, Ga., Camp Shelby, Miss., and Camp Livingston, La.

In other ways, the state is ready for the vast armies of old and new soldiers. Bigger and better recreation facilities are going up daily along New Orleans' extensive Lake Pontchartrain and the Blanding boys will find lots of entertainment.

Daily, army officials get together and map plans for the maneuvers. If the Camp Blanding regiments pass through New Orleans on their way to and from the maneuver base, excellent accommodations for a bivouac are provided on the lake-front—with in sight of the Crescent City's sky-line.

FAREWELL PARTY HELD BY 167TH COMPANY TUESDAY NIGHT

Holding a "Louisiana Here We Come" party Tuesday night upon receipt of the definite date the regiment would depart for that state, Company M, and Headquarters Detachment 3rd Bn., 167th Inf., enjoyed a Dutch Supper in the company mess hall. Most of the tables were removed from the hall and two counters set up across which the beverages flowed freely. Huge containers of potato salad, various kinds of sandwiches, pickles, olives, potato chips etc. were placed conveniently about the mess hall. Mess Sgt. John Moore mingled with the crowd seeing that no one wanted for anything. Chas. Overstreet and Davis, resplendent in white uniforms and caps passed out the drinks with such speed that no one had to wait to be served. 1st Sgt. Chas. Fleming, Sgt. McClesky of Co. L, and several others were guests.

Artillerymen March With Infantrymen

Just to see what makes the average foot soldier gripe, four members of Battery D, 116th F. A., piled off their trucks last week to make the last 40 miles of the march from Ocala National Forest with Co. A, 156th Inf.

Contrary to the expectations of the infantrymen, the four Sgt. J. L. Putnam, Corp. A. R. Mathews, Corp. C. H. Ballard and Pvt. J. B. Weeks, split up into two day-long shifts, turned out to be good walkers and, according to 1st Lt. Ludlow B. Baynard, Jr., of the Baton Rouge, La., company, "certainly missed their calling when they joined the artillery."

The artillerymen, in turn, praised the infantry's ability to "take it" and attributed it partly to the food, which they reported as being excellent.

43 Company Members Attended One College

The student body of Jacksonville State Teachers College in Jacksonville, Alabama suffered a decided reduction when Company H, 167th Inf., was inducted.

Forty-three of the Company personnel were students in that college, while two others were graduates. The fact that there are so many college men in this company is probably the reason why twelve of 27 officer candidates selected from the 167th Infantry to appear before the final board this week were from Company H.

The company boasts an enlisted man with a masters degree in Sgt. Newman W. Bush. It seems that Lt. Sam Williams has collected the intelligence in his company.

Simulated Story

The word simulated, literally translated, means make believe or existing in theory only. It has been used quite a bit lately in the Division: simulated tanks, guns, casualties, shells and so on. But, according to a story coming from the 116th, the word has been pushed too far.

Staff Sergeant Bernard Weintraub, of the 116th's Medical Detachment is the victim of this simulated story. His buddies gave him a simulated goat, brown in color, Susie by name. Then they simulated the simulated goat was lost, inserted an ad in the "Bulletin Board" and the Tampa "Tribune" offering a simulated reward for the simulated return of the simulated goat. Some simulating! Weintraub's sick and sore of the whole thing (not simulated.)

5 Gas Dispensers Are Being Added To Q. M. Supplies

One of the latest additions of to the 31st Division is the new gasoline dispensing unit which Headquarters Company of the 106th Quartermaster recently received. This unit is the first of five which the regiment will get before it departure for the maneuvers in Louisiana, only seventy of its kind were made.

This new unit is capable of handling one-hundred gallons of gasoline a minute and is operated by a one-cylinder air cooled motor. Fuel can be dispensed with this machine directly from tank cars, both motor and rail. It is connected to the tank cars by a 2 and one half inch hose 100-feet long which runs to the unit. The flow is taken up by four other sections of hose, 100-feet long, and at the end of this are connections where ten feet of hose and a spicket with hand control are found. There are 8 such spickets on the unit. The hose is placed upon rollers when not in use.

When the division moves to Louisiana the regiment will have five of the units one of which will be set up at each of the over night bivouac areas en route to Dry Prong. The gasoline platoon of Headquarters company will issue about 15,000 gallons of gasoline daily on the way.

Pvt. Landscaped Before Induction

Private Virgil Meares, 24, of Indian Rock, Florida, is probably the Division's foremost landscaper. He is serving in Headquarters Battery of the 116th Field Artillery's Second Battalion. He recently completed superintending the planting of 50 palms on the Division Headquarters campus at the request of Colonel F. W. Manley, the Chief of Staff. Meares was also called in by Major General John C. Persons to plant 15 palms in the General's yard. Meares was in charge of landscaping his Battery area with many varieties of shrubs and flowers, many of which are now in bloom, making it one of the most attractive areas in the Division.

Meares is a landscaper and tree surgeon by profession, worked six years with the Indian Rock Nursery. "I like this kind of work and will return to the Indian Rock Nursery after demobilization," Meares says.

Mistake In Title Causes Sgt. Grief

The next time Sergeant Lazard Katz of the 106th Medical Regiment goes home, he'd better have a clear, logical tale ready to tell his wife. Katz, who hails from New Orleans, is a sergeant, but recently it was incorrectly published that he was a technical sergeant instead of a line sergeant. Well, there's a little matter of a difference in salary between a technical and line sergeant, and now Katz has a little explaining to do to his wife on the little matter of why he hasn't been sending more money home to the little woman. We publish this in the hope that Mrs. Katz sees it, will understand, and throw away that rolling pin.

Annoyed Soldier Speaks Too Quick

While doing clerical work one night in the 124th Guard house, Private Al Steinitz was constantly being annoyed by the chatter of the sentry outside the door. Each time he passed the door he would yell in and ask Private Steinitz, how were tricks, etc. This kept up throughout the night. About five A. M., a voice from outside called. "How are things going soldier?" Without lifting his eyes Steinitz said, "Why in the h— I don't you go back to your post and let me alone." The door opened and in walked the officer of the day asking for an explanation.

Sleep Unbroken

One way of getting out a day's work was found by Sgt. Johnny Krider, of company B, 156th Infantry, on the divisional march to Ocala National Forest. Sleeping on top of the company's mess truck, Sgt. Krider was unnoticed when breakfast was served, was still unnoticed when the unit moved out of the bivouac area for the dusty road, and came to attention only when he awoke as the loaded truck began to roll away in convoy.

OLDER THAN THE MEAT



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"The American soldier of today as a whole is physically better than his counterpart of any decade since the turn of the century."

That's the opinion of Staff Sergeant Edward S. Jenne, mess officer of Service Company, 155th Infantry. And he should know, because off and on he's been with the National Guard and the Army almost that long in a job that is closely associated with the health of the men.

Mess Sgt. Jenne, who lays claim to being the oldest enlisted man in Camp Blanding, if not the entire American Army, is a short, stocky soldier whose looks belie his 62 years. Unmarried, he would have gotten out of the army this time "if it hadn't been that he wanted to take care of his boys."

Back in 1902, when the Service Company was Rifle company E of the First Mississippi Infantry, Sgt. Jenne signed his first papers with the National Guard. Of course, he wasn't a sergeant then—only a second cook—but he's been with the outfit ever since.

In 1917, the First Mississippi Infantry was made the 155th Infantry of the National Guard Army and ordered to duty at Camp Wilson on the Mexican Border. Jenne went along as mess sergeant. Even then, he was "old" for the army and was drawing \$15 per month extra in longevity pay.

When America declared war on Germany and the 155th was ordered overseas, Sgt. Jenne was with them. But after a few months in the Mississippi organization, he was ordered transferred to the 164th Infantry regiment of the Sunset Division. About this time he was offered an officer's commission and turned it down.

Sitting on the edge of his bed smoking his pipe, Sgt. Jenne reminisced on the army of World War I: "If the fellows today knew what we had to go through with then, they'd realize how lucky they are," the sergeant said. "We didn't have mattresses, sheets and bedclothes in those days. The boys had bedbags and pillowcases and they had to fill them with hay or grass as best they might."

"The company messes were different too," he reported. "The boys ate in mess kits during the whole time they were in camp. The food wasn't as good either. We used the old-type, wood-burning field range to cook on and spent most of our time scavenging for wood."

One of his happiest memories, he says, was when he received the Victory medal at the end of the war.

Shortly after the conflict was over, Sgt. Jenne became Mr. Jenne and remained that way until 1932, when the urge to get back in the National Guard became too great for him and he joined up again. "I guess it was because I thought the boys needed me," he said. "I like young people. I seem to get on with them better than with those my age. The only trouble I have is with those K. P.'s. They seem to think I can't take it. Why, heck, I'll betcha I feel as young as a lot of those boys are in years."

And I believe he does.

Knew The Answer

Staff Sgt. Jack Hamill, HQ Det., 3rd Bn., 167th Inf., was questioning Selectee Pvt. William, "Rough" Hare recently about his rifle.

"What's the first thing you do when you clean a rifle," the sergeant asked.

"The first thing I do," wily Pvt. Hare answered, "is to look at the number to be sure I'm not cleaning some one else's."

Blackout Zipper Was Brought Long Way To Bring Babies

One casualty of the Ocala trek was Blackout Zipper, wire-haired mascot of Co. D, 106th Med. Regt. She was evacuated to Blanding aboard an ambulance and when the company returned to camp, the terrier was rapidly recuperating—and proudly exhibiting a litter of five pups. They were promptly named Snaps, Spats, Snafu, Susfu and Rockne.

114th Soldier Born In Yugoslavia

Add to the list of Dixie Division members who were born under foreign skies but became Americans proud to fight for their country the name of Milan Dujmov, with Btry. H, 114th Field with Battery H of the 114th Field Artillery.

Pvt. Dujmov was born in Motal, Yugo-slavia, 20 years back. His father fought for his native land in the World War, having returned there from the States for a visit. Young Dujmov spent several years in school there, learned the Croatian language, and then went with his family to Biloxi, Mississippi where his dad was in business, at the end of the war.

The former Yugoslavian was working as a rigger in the Charleston Navy Yard when called into service in November.

General's Secretary Visits Ocala Weekly

Private first class Walker Sorrell is a bright young chap who acts as secretary to General John C. Persons and Colonel Frederick W. Manley, Chief of Staff. And Pvt. Sorrell is also a lad with a quick and witty answer, regardless of the inquirer.

On the recent Ocala Forest exercise the Ozark (Ala.) boy asked the General for a pass to visit Ocala for the weekend. The General, whose memory is very accurate, said to his secretary, "I thought you were at Ocala last week end?"

"Yes, sir," said the undaunted Sorrell, "but Ocala is such a nice town I want to visit it again."

Witnesses say that Pvt. Sorrell's lovely thing in Ocala is worth visiting every week end, were that possible.

Pvt. Saves 30c But Loses Hair

Next time Private Thomas F. Kane, of the 116th Field Artillery's Headquarters Battery, will have his barber cut his hair and be glad to pay the required 30-cents for it. Thinking to save the 30-cents, Kane asked for volunteers from the Battery to cut his hair. Four pairs of willing, but sadly inexperienced, hands came forth, and with three pairs of scissors and clippers promptly gave Kane the haircut. The result somewhat resembled an Indian brave's first scalping job. All the hair on his head now is about the size of a saucer, and the hairs vary in length from one-fourth to three-quarters of an inch. There is a V-shaped bald spot in the rear and another in the front. As one of the boys remarked, "Kane looks like he was called and couldn't come."

Dummy Guns Take Enemy Tank Unit

A man with ideas has his place in the army. Sergeant Ross Copeland, of the Anti-Tank Platoon of the 116th Field Artillery's First Battalion Headquarters, conceived the idea of constructing the three dummy 37 millimeter anti-tank guns which were responsible for the defeat and capture of a squad of "enemy" tanks by the 116th on maneuvers early Tuesday morning 7 miles north of Blanding.

The "guns" were made of scrap lumber and six old tires, all painted olive drab, and were drawn up across the probable line of attack and partially camouflaged. When the enemy tanks (simulated by trucks) came rolling along the drivers saw the "guns" and were fooled into believing them the real thing. They tried to flank the weapons only to run into the arms of an overwhelming force and were captured.

Other members of the Anti-Tank Platoon assisting in the trick were Staff Sgt. Harry Burnett, Corporals L. L. Golden, W. S. Larkin, Earnest Allee and Privates Fred Gunter, James P. Mullins and Fred Walton.

Air Corps Has Music Transferred Pvt. Finds

Private first class Ennis E. Bailey, formerly of the 114th Field Artillery Band, is a most unfortunate fellow. The Mississippi, although a first-rate musician who has played with some of the country's leading name bands, is very fond of flying, and last month he received a discharge to re-enlist with their force at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The happy Bailey could hardly contain himself when he was accepted for the air service, and his fellow bandmen, although reluctant to see him leave, were pleased that the popular musician was to go a-winging, for which he had trained at the California Aviation Institute.

This week his former buddies heard from private Bailey in a letter sent from Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama. He had been transferred to the Music School there, and soon will be tooting a horn again with some air post band. He will be seeing

114th Trucks Have Decorated Insignias

The 114th F. A. Regiment has a record for many "firsts" in the 31st Division, and now they have scored another one. If you noticed their trucks during the Ocala exercise, you saw that all their vehicles carried identifying insignia plates on the front of the cars. Many of them carry large marker discs on the rear too, all the plates having the well-known Dragon, suitably encribed on various colored backgrounds of silver, red and blue.

155th Team Invites Outside Competition

The 155th Medical Detachment baseball team, undefeated in 14 games, hopes to crowd in as many matches as possible before the La. maneuvers. The team's manager issues a challenge to any team in camp to play a game to determine the cantonment championship. The Mississippi team is a well balanced club made up of some of the best players in the Delta State. Dan McLeod, former Ole Miss pitcher, has successfully handled all pitching assignments to date.

Misinformation Private Learns About Potatoes

Finally comes out the story on Pvt. Bill Edwards, Company I, 167th Inf. The first time he caught KP duty after induction Pvt. Edwards was handed a knife, a boiler and a sack of potatoes. "Huh, you can't fool me," the well-read private remarked, "I know they've got potato peeling machines in this man's army."

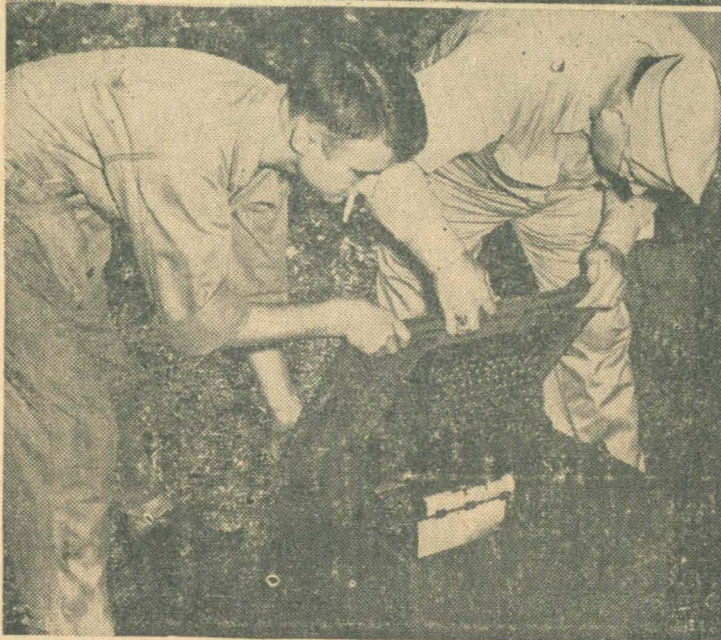
"Yeah, smart guy," said the cook, "and you're the latest model."

155th Sgt. Has Served Uncle Sam For 13 Years

Service in Uncle Sam's armed forces is nothing new to Sgt. Thomas Norsworthy, of 155th Infantry Medical Detachment. The 38 year old non-commissioned officer has served four years in the Marines and nine years in the National Guard.

While in the Marines he saw service at Haiti where he operated a motion picture machine. He states that he is quite willing to spend another year in the Army if it is necessary.

FAST WORKERS



When the order to displace is given the message center of the Dixie Division personnel moves with efficient rapidity. It functions wherever it may be, on the march or at a Command Post. Shown here is a clerk taking an order from an officer when the order to move is given. The bottom picture shows the clerk packing his typewriter with the order still in it.

33 New Members Added To 114th

To the 114th Field Artillery Regiment has come lately 33 selectees from the mid-western states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Nebraska. The new members of the Mississippi regiment were sent from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, at which camp they completed their basic training and all acted as "chiefs of sections."

Headquarters Battery absorbed ten of the new men and the Medical Detachment four, while the others were sent to various batteries. The newcomers have taken to their new surroundings with enthusiasm and their Mississippi hosts find them right smart fellows.

Talented Musicians Entertain At Hospital

Two talented musicians from the 124th Infantry, Accordionists Eddie Bennett of the 124th Band and Al Pugliese of Company D, played for the men at the Station Hospital Wednesday night. The privates gave solo and duet numbers and were very well received by a large and appreciative audience.

Pvt. Bennett played at the famed Paddock Club, Miami Beach, before his induction into the Army, and Pvt. Pugliese led his own orchestra unit at Fan and Bill's, also at Miami Beach.

Pvt. Refuses To Talk For Dixie Reporter

"Rush over to the 114th Field Artillery and get me a story on that Bob Hinds fellow," the editor said, "I understand he's now a full-fledged enlisted man and has a good item for the Dixie."

An hour later the reporter was back to tell the deskman, "I'm sorry, but I couldn't get a word out of Hines."

"You couldn't? What kind of a reporter are you," shrieked the editor in righteous wrath.

"Well, you see," said the reporter, "Hinds was in an accident over the week-end and his jaw teeth were pretty well injured. He wanted to, but he couldn't talk."

Running Water In Company Tent

Service company of 155th Infantry regiment recently made the boast that it had "running water" in one of its tents during maneuvers. A little investigation revealed that "Running Water" is an Indian who was drafted into the unit a few months ago. For the payroll he is known as James Easterly, assigned to the motor section as mechanic. Beside the name of Running Water he is called Chief Wahoo and "Chief."

Gomez Loses Tampa Fight

Private Tommy Gomez, 22-year old heavyweight boxer from the 116th Field Artillery's Medical Detachment, suffered the first knockout of his career Monday night at the hands of one Bud Scott, heavyweight veteran from Washington, D. C. The bout was fought at Benjamin Field, Tampa, Gomez's hometown, before 5,000 fight fans.

This was Gomez's thirty-fifth professional fight, his second defeat. During a brilliant two-year career, Gomez has won 27 of 33 victories by kayos. The battle Monday night was all Gomez' until the seventh round, when the Cuban apparently was overcome with fatigue and exhaustion. Private Peter Leto, Gomez' trainer, explained that his boy's early exhaustion was caused by "not enough sleep lately, not by a lack of training." Another bout between Gomez and Scott may be arranged soon, Leto added.

Service Co., Soldiers Seek Army Air Corps

Over in Service Co., 156th Inf., the boys are beginning to think that their unit when it was formed, should have been made into an air corps squadron instead of an infantry outfit. It would have saved them a lot of trouble. Corp. Ray Lee, clerk of the company, reports that, during the past week, 14 men out of the 112 in the outfit have requested transfers to various branches of the air corps.

Those who want to get off the ground and into the blue include Corp. David Arceneaux, Corp. "Ksso" Jackson, Corp. William Funderburk, Pfc. Joe White, Pfc. Donald David, Pfc. Ray Guidry, Pfc. J. M. Williamson, Pvt. John Williams, Pvt. Harold Harrington, Pvt. Thomas Erickson, Pvt. Leonard Mathews, Pvt. Herbert Adey, Pvt. John Hernandez and Pvt. William Weber.

Service Club Dance Held By 117th F. A.

500 members of the 117th Field Artillery enjoyed their first regimental dance of the year Tuesday night from 8:00 till 12:00 in the Division Service Club. Music was by the 167th Infantry orchestra.

The ball room for the affair attended by artillerymen and dates, was decorated by Hostess House personnel, assisted by Mrs. Ralph C. Boles, wife of 1st Lt. Ralph C. Boles, recreation officer, and soldiers of the regiment. Dates were provided by the Defense Service Council.

Lock Repairers Can Make Money

Private Robert J. Fowler, editor of the 116th Field Artillery's "Bulletin Board," reminds us that in scores of G-I "tin" foot lockers the locks have fallen out. Some ingenious inventor can make a mint of quarters, avers Fowler, by devising an inexpensive method of firmly rejoining these fallen locks and lockers.

CLASSIFIED

LOST—In Ocala National Forest near Lake Kerr, one mess kit numbered 59139. Reward if returned to Pvt. Ed. J. Land, Jr., 31st Division Press Section.

LOST—One Univex-OO camera in Ocala National Forest Wednesday. Finder contact Pvt. Jack Dutton, Co. I, 167th Infantry.

LOST—I Anconna Rooster, mascot of Company F, 106th Quartermaster Regiment. Answers to name of "Auska" (private first class). Reward. Return to orderly tent, Company F, 106th Quartermaster Regiment.

FOUND—A pair of gold-rimmed glasses in the field recently near 56th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters. Owner may have by applying and describing. Press Section, 31st Division, Phone 240.

FOR RENT—Lt. Col. W. Eugene Jones, 116th Field Artillery, desires to sub-let his home in Starke from July 20 to Oct. 1, 1941. Brick, six rooms and bath, completely furnished, \$100 per month. For full information telephone Mrs. Jones at "Starke Local 43."

LOST—Brown wallet with valuable papers. If found, please return to Private Clyde Gilliam and receive generous reward.

LOST—D. S. C. and Silver Star Medal, belonging to Sgt. Anderson of Co. G, 124th Infantry. Reward offered.

LOST—billfold in regimental area. Contained no money but valuable papers. Fred W. Hendrick, Btry. A, 116th F. A. Reward.

Selectee Gets \$121 For Month Of June

"This month you have earned \$121.00 instead of \$21.00" read the telegram received by Private Louis Krietzman of Co. D, 124th Infantry.

The wire, as you might have guessed was not from Uncle Whiskers. It was from the Miami American Legion, and the \$100.00 was Krietzman's reward for having sold the winning ticket on the Legion's annual raffle—this time for a \$8,000, completely furnished house.

Pvt. Krietzman sold several thousand dollars worth of tickets this winter in Miami. He must be on good terms with Lady Luck, for he twice has sold the winning tickets on automobile drawings in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Private Disdains "KP"; Prefers "Kit-Admiral"

The term K. P. is an old expression in this man's army, which applies to the unfortunate person who is assigned to the kitchen to wash dishes. This ordinary phrase does not appeal to Gordon Nelson of Headquarters Company 155th Infantry, who though a soldier, is quite interested in the Navy. He calls himself "Kitchen Admiral" or washer of the Vessels."

"Hello, Dear"

If you should walk up to the tallest man in the 155th Infantry and say "Hello, Dear," he would answer your greeting for this familiarity is justified for the tall soldier is named Dear. Farley Dear it goes. He is best known, however, as Baby Dear and Big Stoop.

The army finds Dear hard to fit. Stretched out he consumes six feet six inches and weighs 200 lbs.

156th Marching Song

Here are the words of one of the Division's regimental marching songs, "Men of the 156th," written for the Louisiana boys only a few weeks ago:

"We're the men of the hundred and fifty-sixth
We're the soldier boys from old L-A.
We're the guys who left our gals,
And our mothers and our pals
But we're going back to them some day."

"In our blood is the spirit of all our dads
When they bravely marched with bay'net fixed
They all fought for liberty
When the time comes so will we
We're the men of the hundred and fifty-sixth."